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1. Fuchs, head of Department 3, Section 31, who is in charge of technical matters relating to locomotives and the running of trains in the Main Administration of the Reichsbahn in the Russian Zone, has been relieved of his post and appointed technical adviser to Director-General Besener. Vice-President Kramer has taken over Fuchs' department.

2. Kramer was in charge of the Berlin "S"-bahn until 1930, when he was dismissed for Communist activities and went to Moscow. He returned to Berlin early in 1946. While Kramer was in Moscow he carried out an electrification program of the signals system in the Moscow area. He is a radical Communist and insists on all his staff being members of the SED.

3. Kramer's assistant, Dipl. Ing. Stuhlmüller (formerly assistant to Fuchs) has had to leave, as he is not a member of the SED.

4. It seems probable that Fitzner and Besener will soon have to make way for the Moscow group of Germans such as Kramer and Kühne, i.e., those Germans who have undergone political training in the USSR.

5. Kramer, who speaks Russian fluently, does not employ an interpreter. He is tightening up on security measures within the Reichsbahn offices and is responsible for the arrest of five interpreters, of whom nothing has been heard since they were summoned to report in Karlshorst some weeks ago.

6. Dr. Ing. Fischer, in charge of railways repair shops, is another official in danger of being dismissed. When accused of his slow rate of progress with repairs, he pointed out that the schedule given to him had been fulfilled and even surpassed by 3%. His defense was, however, countered by the statement that the schedule, which was drawn up by Brill, who has since gone to the U.S. Zone of Germany, was far too lenient and that Fischer's achievements were, therefore, still unsatisfactory.

7. The S.A Railroads Division has been moved from Karlshorst to the wendenschloss at Oberschöneweide. Generals Kvashnin and Trunov and Lieutenant Colonel Morosov, together with their staffs, moved into their new premises on 11 October 1946.

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6. Lieutenant Colonel Shmikhov was recently recalled to the U.S.S.R. He was in charge of the security of the railroads and has been replaced by a Major Koshukh. Shmikov was alarmed at the news of his recall.

9. Temporarily, at least, the railroads will benefit from the fact that the "Moscow Group" is being put in charge, since it is the ambition of the Soviets to prove that genuine Communists are more capable of administering the railroads than other officials and that the Soviets are, therefore, likely to grant more allocations of materials that are needed. Thus, forty locomotives of "Bahnbetriebswerk" Seddin, where they have been set aside in case of a shortage anywhere in the zone. These locomotives are under the direct orders of Kramer for that purpose.

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